

*CLAIM AMENDMENTS*

1. (Original) A resin composition comprising a saponified ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer (A) and a substituted 9,10-anthraquinone (B) having a substituent at at least one of the 2-, 3-, 6- and 7-positions and showing a percent weight loss when stood with heating at 250°C for 60 minutes of not more than 5%.

2. (Original) The resin composition of claim 1, wherein the substituted 9,10-anthraquinone (B) having a substituent at at least one of the 2-, 3-, 6- and 7-positions and showing a percent weight loss when stood with heating at 250°C for 60 minutes of not more than 5% is water-soluble.

3. (Currently Amended) The resin composition of claim ~~1 or~~ 2, wherein substituted 9,10-anthraquinone (B) having a substituent at at least one of the 2-, 3-, 6- and 7-positions and showing a percent weight loss when stood with heating at 250°C for 60 minutes of not more than 5% is sodium anthraquinone-sulfonate or disodium anthraquinone-disulfonate.

4. (Currently Amended) The resin composition of ~~any of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein the content of the substituted 9,10-anthraquinone (B) having a substituent at at least one of the 2-, 3-, 6- and 7-positions and showing a percent weight loss when stood with heating at 250°C for 60 minutes of not more than 5% is 0.5-10 wt% relative to the saponified ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer (A).

5. (Currently Amended) The resin composition of ~~any of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, further comprising an acid (C) in 0.001-0.5 equivalent of the substituted 9,10-anthraquinone (B) having a substituent at at least one of the 2-, 3-, 6- and 7-positions and showing a percent weight loss when stood with heating at 250°C for 60 minutes of not more than 5%.

6. (Currently Amended) The resin composition of ~~any of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, which is obtained by melt-mixing a saponified ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer (A) having a water content of not more than 60 wt% and a substituted 9,10-anthraquinone (B) having a substituent at at least one of the 2-, 3-, 6- and 7-positions and showing a percent weight loss when stood with heating at 250°C for 60 minutes of not more than 5% in an extruder.

7. (Currently Amended) A laminate structure comprising a layer made of the resin composition of ~~any of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1 as an intermediate layer, and at least one layer of inner and outer layers comprises a resin selected from a polyolefin resin, a polyamide resin and a polyester resin.

8. (Original) The laminate structure of claim 7, wherein the inner and outer layers comprises a polyolefin resin.

9. (Original) The resin composition of claim 6, wherein the saponified ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer (A) has a water content of 20-60 wt%.